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For ELECTRONIC WATERMARK INSERTION DEVICE, DETECTION
DEVICE AND METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicant wishes to amend the application
as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-15, and 18-20 as follows (a marked up
version of claim 3 being appended hereto):

Claim 3 (amended). The device according to claim 1 wherein the instruction displays
characters.

Claim 4 (amended). The device according to claim 1 wherein the instruction accesses
a web site on the Internet.

Claim 5 (amended). The device according to claim 1 wherein the instruction starts an
application program.

Claim 8 (amended). The device according to claim 6 wherein characters are displayed according to the invention.

Claim 9 (amended). The device according to claim 6 wherein a web site on the Internet is accessed according to the instruction.

Claim 10 (amended). The device according to claim 6 wherein an application program is started according to the instruction.

Claim 13 (amended). The method according to claim 11 wherein the instruction displays characters.

Claim 14 (amended). The method according to claim 11 wherein the instruction accesses a web site on the Internet.

Claim 15 (amended). The method according to claim 11 wherein the instruction starts an application program.

Claim 18 (amended). The method according to claim 16 wherein characters are displayed according to the instruction.

Claim 19 (amended). The method according to claim 16 wherein a web site on the Internet is accessed according to the instruction.

Claim 20 (amended). The method according to claim 16 wherein an application program is started according to the instruction.

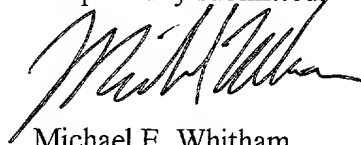
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REMARKS

The amendment avoids multiple dependent claim language and does not introduce new matter.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-Up Version of the Claims

Claim 3 (amended). The device according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the instruction displays characters.

Claim 4 (amended). The device according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the instruction accesses a web site on the Internet.

Claim 5 (amended). The device according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein the instruction starts an application program.

Claim 8 (amended). The device according to claim 6 [or 7] wherein characters are displayed according to the invention.

Claim 9 (amended). The device according to claim 6 [or 7] wherein a web site on the Internet is accessed according to the instruction.

Claim 10 (amended). The device according to claim 6 [or 7] wherein an application program is started according to the instruction.

Claim 13 (amended). The method according to claim 11 [or 12] wherein the instruction displays characters.

Claim 14 (amended). The method according to claim 11 [or 12] wherein the instruction accesses a web site on the Internet.

Claim 15 (amended). The method according to claim 11 [or 12] wherein the instruction starts an application program.

Claim 18 (amended). The method according to claim 16 [or 17] wherein characters

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are displayed according to the instruction.

Claim 19 (amended). The method according to claim 16 [or 17] wherein a web site on the Internet is accessed according to the instruction.

Claim 20 (amended). The method according to claim 16 [or 17] wherein an application program is started according to the instruction.

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